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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	17340	Agenda Number	52.
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Meeting Date:	8/23/2012	Department:	Telecommunications and Reg Affairs
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Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD) to contribute up to \$250,000.00 from fees collected by the City from Austin's cable providers for public, educational, and governmental access channels for AISD's purchase of approximately \$550,000.00 of equipment necessary for the operation of the AISD educational access channel.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the FY 2011-12 capital budget of the Austin Cable Access Fund

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	
Boards and Commission Action:	On August 8, 2012, the Austin Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission recommended approval of the interlocal agreement with the Austin Independent School District (AISD).
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In accordance with each cable company's state-issued franchise, the City of Austin receives fees from each cable provider serving the Austin area to pay for capital expenses related to the operation of Austin's public, educational, and governmental (PEG) access channels. The annual PEG fee contribution from the cable providers is currently \$1.5 - \$1.8 million.

AISD operates and manages one of Austin's educational access channels. They have presented to the City, a one-time need of a new master control playback system to continue operation for that educational channel. The total cost of a new system is approximately \$550,000. AISD advises that it can contribute \$300,000 toward the total purchase, and is requesting the City contribute the additional \$250,000. The entire purchase will be directed by AISD to ensure that all equipment is compatible with the required uses. PEG fees received by the City that are uncommitted for the current fiscal year are available to make this contribution.

Staff is seeking approval to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement with AISD for this one-time allocation

towards a PEG equipment purchase. This contribution from the City to AISD meets the intent of Resolution 20110217-048 adopted by the City Council in February 2011 directing the City Manager to collaborate with AISD on budget partnership options.